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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RIMAC INTERNATIONAL CIA. DE SEGUROS Y REASEGUROS, S.A. a/s/o Telefonica Moviles S.A.,

Plaintiff, : 08 CV 3915 (RWS) (MHD)

-against-

EXEL GLOBAL LOGISTICS, INC., CIELOS DEL PERU S.A., GALAXY

AVIATION CARGO INC., and

CONTINENTAL FREIGHTWAYS, INC.

d/b/a Fineline Trucking,

Defendants.

**RULE 7.1 STATEMENT** 

Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedures, the undersigned counsel of record for defendant, Continental Freightways, Inc. s/h/a Continental Freightways, Inc. d/b/a Fineline Trucking, certifies that there are no corporate parents of that party, and that no publicly held corporation owns more than 10% of the stock of that party.

Dated: July 2, 2008

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EXEL GLOBAL LOGISTICS, INC., CIELOS DEL PERU S.A., GALAXY AVIATION CARGO INC., and CONTINENTAL FREIGHTWAYS, INC. d/b/a Fineline Trucking, ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Defendants.

Defendant Continental Freightways, Inc. s/h/a Continental Freightways, Inc. d/b/a
Fineline Trucking (hereinafter "Continental"), by their attorneys, Schindel, Farman, Lipsius,
Gardner & Rabinovich, LLP, as and for their Answer to the Complaint, states upon information
and belief, as follows:

- 1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the first paragraph of the complaint.
- 2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the second paragraph of the complaint.

- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of 3. each and every allegation contained in the third paragraph of the complaint.
- 4. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the fourth paragraph of the complaint.
- 5. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the fifth paragraph of the complaint.
- 6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the sixth paragraph of the complaint.
- 7. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the seventh paragraph of the complaint.
- 8. Admits only that Continental Freightways, Inc. was and still is a corporation organized under the laws of one of the states of the United States and had a place of business at 3560 N.W. 34th St. Miami, FL 33142 and currently has a place of business at 12800 N.W. 113th Ct. Medley, Florida 33178.
- 9. Denies each and every allegation contained in the ninth paragraph, except denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation as to all other parties.
- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of 10. each and every allegation contained in the tenth paragraph of the complaint.
- 11. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the eleventh paragraph of the complaint.
- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of 12. each and every allegation contained in the twelfth paragraph of the complaint.

- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of 13. each and every allegation contained in the thirteenth paragraph of the complaint.
- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of 14. each and every allegation contained in the fourteenth paragraph of the complaint.
- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of 15. each and every allegation contained in the fifteenth paragraph of the complaint.
- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of 16. each and every allegation contained in the sixteenth paragraph of the complaint.
- 17. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the seventeenth paragraph of the complaint.
- 18. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the eighteenth paragraph of the complaint.
- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of 19. each and every allegation contained in the nineteenth paragraph of the complaint.
- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of 20. each and every allegation contained in the twentieth paragraph of the complaint.
- 21. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the twenty-first paragraph of the complaint.
- Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of 22. each and every allegation contained in the twenty-second paragraph of the complaint.
- Denies each and every allegation in the twenty-third paragraph, except denies 23. knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation as to all other parties.

- 24. Denies each and every allegation contained in the twenty-fourth paragraph of the complaint.
- 25. Denies each and every allegation contained in the twenty-fifth paragraph of the complaint.
- 26. Admits each and every allegation contained in the twenty-sixth paragraph of the complaint.
- 27. Denies each and every allegation contained in the twenty-seventh paragraph of the complaint, except admits that the cargo which is the subject of this action was not on the trailer when it was recovered.
- 28. Denies each and every allegation contained in the twenty-eighth paragraph of the complaint, except admits that the trailer was recovered with some contents.
- 29. Denies each and every allegation in the twenty-ninth paragraph, except denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation as to all other parties.
- 30. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the thirtieth paragraph of the complaint.
- 31. Denies each and every allegation in the thirty-first paragraph, except denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation as to all other parties.
- 32. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the thirty-second paragraph of the complaint.
- 33. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the thirty-third paragraph of the complaint.

34. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of each and every allegation contained in the thirty-fourth paragraph of the complaint.

## **GENERAL PROVISION**

35. Any and all allegations not specifically admitted herein are denied.

## AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

# FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

36. Plaintiff has failed to state a cause of action against Continental.

### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

37. The cargo that is the subject matter of plaintiff's complaint was accepted by all parties in accordance with, and subject to all the terms and conditions of all applicable contracts of carriage, contracts for storage, forwarding agreements, waybills, warehouse receipts, invoices, bills of lading, any applicable tariffs and classifications, and the rules set forth therein. Continental claims the benefit of all defenses accorded it by those contracts of carriage, contracts for storage, forwarding agreements, waybills, warehouse receipts, invoices, bills of lading, any applicable tariffs and classifications, and the rules set forth therein and any other applicable contracts under which the cargo was transported, stored and/or handled.

## THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

38. The liability of Continental, if any, is limited by the terms and conditions of any applicable contracts of carriage, contracts of storage, forwarding agreements, warehouse receipts, invoices, bills of lading, any applicable tariffs and classifications, and the rules set forth therein, statutes and/or regulations.

# FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

39. Plaintiff's claim against Continental is untimely pursuant to the applicable contract(s) and/or tariff(s) and/or statute(s).

## FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

40. The loss and/or damage to the cargo was caused by the intervening acts of plaintiff and/or third person(s) which could not be prevented by Continental through the exercise of reasonable care.

## SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

41. This Court lacks jurisdiction over the person of Continental.

# SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

42. To the extent that plaintiff seeks recovery for special damages, Continental is not responsible.

# EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

43. In the event that the plaintiff had not or has not any title or interest in the cargo that is the subject of this action, then the plaintiff is not the real party of interest herein and is not entitled to maintain this suit.

## NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

44. Plaintiff failed to join an indispensable party.

## TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

45. This Court is an improper venue for this dispute.

## **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

46. The forum is inconvenient and the Complaint should be dismissed pursuant to the doctrine of *forum non conveniens*.

## TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

47. To the extent plaintiff sustained any damage, which is denied, that loss or damage occurred during a period of time when the cargo was not under the care, custody or control of Continental.

48. Continental hereby reserves all of its rights to amend this answer and/or supplement its Affirmative Defenses in accordance with any additional information developed during the course of discovery.

WHEREFORE, defendant Continental demands judgment dismissing the complaint together with costs, disbursement and such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: July 2, 2008

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
	) ss.
COUNTY OF NEW YORK	)

I, Eve Ayala, being duly sworn, states as follows: I am over 18 years of age, not a party to the within action, and reside in Brooklyn, New York. On July 2, 2008, I served the within Rule 7.1 Statement and Answer to Complaint upon the person(s) or parties designated below by mailing a true and complete copy of same in a postage pre-paid envelope, and depositing same in a post office or official depository of the United States Postal Service within New York State, at the last known address of the addressee(s) as set forth herein.

TO: John H. McConnell, Esq. Purrington & McConnell 82 Wall Street, Suite 1110 New York, NY 10005 Attorney for Plaintiffs

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Galaxy Aviation Cargo, Inc. 600 Bayview Avenue Inwood, NY 11096 Defendant

Sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2008

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